

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Dingfelder et al.

Serial No. 10/812,297

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
MEASURING MECHANICAL PATH
LENGTHS BY MEANS OF
PNEUMATIC PRESSURE, IN
PARTICULAR FOR SLIDING
CARBON CONTACTS

Group Art Unit: 2856

Examiner: John P. Fitzgerald

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5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:

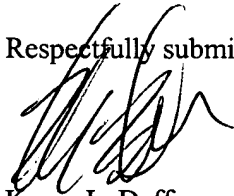
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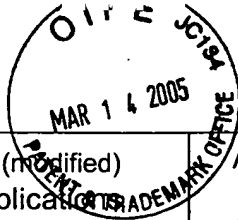
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4,761,594	8/1988	Rodi et al.			
		4,918,348	4/1990	Fitzsimmons et al.			
		5,509,625	4/1996	Oullette et al.			
		5,870,026	2/1999	Challenger			

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EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
	A1	25 20 520	11/1975	DE			
	A2	82 11 804	11/1982	DE			
	A3	84 33 023	2/1985	DE			
	A4	38 17 743	3/1990	DE			
	A5	89 13 117	5/1990	DE			
	A6	196 49 212	7/1997	DE			
	A7	196 19 728	11/1997	DE			
	A8	198 32 617	6/2000	DE			
	A9	199 32 024	1/2001	DE			

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